

REMARKS

Claims 1-66 are pending, claims 1, 8, 13, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 47 and 51 having been amended as described herein. Reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Initially, applicants note that they have amended claim 13 to depend from claim 7 instead of claim 8 so as to provide antecedent basis for certain claim terminology. Additionally, each of claims 8, 25 and 29 has been amended to improve its form without narrowing its scope.

Turning now to the art rejections, claims 1-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on U.S. patent no. 6,178,419 to *Legh-Smith et al.* That reference is directed to the automatic creation of a tailored database on the basis of a set of category headings predetermined before any search is conducted. Each category has a set of key words associated therewith to define the searches to be carried out. The search results are processed to identify the URLs embedded in the search results, which are then used to retrieve the pages to which they refer. The pages are filtered and given a relevance score.

In contrast, applicants claimed invention does not obtain its results based on a predetermined set of categories. Rather, in this invention the categorization of information is the result of the cluster process itself, not a prerequisite to it. Each of the independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 23, 27, 31, 47 and 51) has been amended to highlight this distinctive feature of applicants' invention. By providing a database creation technique which defines categories before the search and processing of the search results, *Legh-Smith et al.* not only fails to teach applicants' claimed invention, it actually teaches away from it.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each of the independent claims is patentably distinguishable over *Legh-Smith et al.*, as well as the other art of record. It is further submitted that each of the dependent claims is patentable for at least the same reasons as is its corresponding independent claim.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

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